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1. A serious rift has developed between Dr. Werner Bornemann and Dr. Karl A. [Handwritten: 100% Germany] Forthman, the two guiding spirits of the neo-Nazi group outlined by the High Commissioner in January 1952. Bornemann recently reported to his friends that the rift developed over some statements made by Forthman in the course of the trial before the German constitutional court, and also because he, Bornemann, considers Dr. Forthman's book (Handwritten: This is a very bad book) "trash" which did their cause more harm than good. Bornemann still believes in Forthman's ability, but blames the publisher of the book, Waldemar Schmidt, of the Klessau-Verlag, Goettingen, for what he considers Forthman's error.
2. Bornemann further reported that Forthman had broken all ties with the VDP (Deutsche Reichs Partei) and credited to Forthman's influence, ex-Colonel Ulrich Vogel's breach with the party. Forthman, he says, is still working for the Nacht entrance in Rastatt, but has contacts also with a number of other German export firms.
3. Bornemann himself has established a legitimate advertising agency with offices at 15 Kapell Strasse in Dusseldorf. The organization is operating on a shoestring, and Bornemann himself has been observed assisting his five full-time employees in the bundling of hand bills for distribution. Nevertheless, he seems moderately successful. The main business is the distribution of advertising material from house to house. During the North Rhine Westphalia election campaign he had contracts with the FDP, the SPD, and even the SPD for distribution of their election material. For distributional purposes he has established a number of teams, the members of which work on a part-time basis. In addition he has a number of different mailing lists for distribution of advertising materials through the mails.
4. One of his most lucrative contracts was with the Shell Oil Company. He managed to induce some makers of razor blades, shaving cream, tooth paste, candy, and headache pills to give him a contract for distribution of free samples. He then persuaded the Shell Oil Company to allow him to distribute them in a combined package through the Shell gas stations. Bornemann received a commission from all the firms concerned while Shell paid for the packaging and did the distribution free of charge.
5. Bornemann still publishes his ultra-rightist news sheet, but at present without Forthman's articles.

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